

LABOR TO MAKE MANY DEMANDS

STATE BUREAU HAS SENT QUESTIONS TO SECRETARIES OF LABOR UNIONS.

ALL CLASSES HEARD FROM

Labor Lobby Will Look After Legislation and Many New Statutes Tending to Better Conditions Are to Be Introduced.

Jefferson City.—Organized toilers in Missouri, consisting of 91,898 men and women who are members of some labor union, are as keenly interested as capitalists, corporations, lawyers and business men in each biennial session of the general assembly. The day the legislature convenes there is in attendance a labor legislative committee representing the state federation of labor, railroad men, telegraphers, the building trades councils and other labor bodies to present measures working men and women want enacted and defeat those they oppose.

The 1913-14 state federation committee consists of B. F. Lamb, representing the machinists of St. Louis; Commissioner John T. Fitzpatrick, bureau of labor statistics; Burt E. Burnham, typographical union of St. Joseph; W. L. Williams, railroad telegraphers; St. Louis; J. F. Phinney, machinists, Springfield; Frank Shobe, industrial council, Kansas City, and J. D. Kelley, electrical workers, Kansas City.

Recently the bureau of labor statistics sent a question schedule to each secretary of a labor union in the state, carrying the interrogation:

"What specific state legislation would be beneficial to your local membership as applying to your occupation?"

Of the 829 unions in Missouri probably 700 outlined legislative measures which in their opinion would benefit working men and women of the state, and especially the particular trade and calling which the answering secretary represents.

All garment workers, tailors, broom-makers, harness and leather workers, boot and shoe workers and other trades akin to these, representing an organized labor membership of probably 12,000, insist that the present convict-leasing system of the state penitentiary and prison contract shops be abolished for the reason that the goods thus placed on the market compete unfairly with those made by fair workers.

Engineers, brakemen, switchmen, conductors and other railroad employees ask that the voters of the state, at the general election next fall, approve the "full crew" bill, which was referred to the people by the railroads of the state under the initiative and referendum constitutional amendment.

Bookbinders, printers, bindery women, pressmen and others engaged in the occupation of printing and publishing ask that a law be enacted making it compulsory for text books of all public schools of the state to carry the union label.

An eight-hour working day is asked for by car workers, stationary engineers, blacksmiths, bill posters, railway firemen and engineers, boiler makers and helpers, core makers, cooks, foundry employees, garment workers, hod carriers, Industrial Workers of the World, metal workers, marble workers, machinists, plate printers, painters and decorators, railroad switchmen, tailors, hotel and restaurant workers, carpenters, retail salesmen and three or four other occupations. Clerks and salesmen all over the state ask that Saturday be made a legal half holiday.

The Women's Trade Union league, with branches in St. Louis and Kansas City, made up of about 2,500 women and 350 allies, call for more women factory and inspectors and the rigid enforcement of all laws regulating hours and other conditions under which women work and children labor. A minimum wage law for women, similar to that of Oregon, which places the lowest weekly compensation at \$10, is suggested.

Girl Weds Convict.
Lebanon.—Joseph A. Prince, 19, who was convicted last October of murder in the first degree and given a life sentence and who is confined at the Lebanon jail pending his appeal to the supreme court, was married to Miss Clara Ethel Hanson by a justice of the peace. Miss Hanson was his fiancée before Prince committed the murder and has stuck to him ever since. She was present at every session of court during his trial.

Woman Hooked by Milk Cow.
Kirksville.—Mrs. Michael Weber, wife of the miller at Yarrow, was very seriously injured when a cow she was milking hooked her in the abdomen, the horn inflicting a gash which may cause Mrs. Weber's death. Mrs. Weber is about 60 years old.

Easter Elopement Made Public.
Sedalia.—It was learned that Frank W. Fisher, manager of the Fisher Carriage and Wagon Works, and Miss Charlotte Well were secretly married at Hamilton, Mo., Easter Sunday.

"Witchcraft."
In Lecky's "Rationalism in Europe" the learned historian gives a full and fair account of the rise, progress and end of "Witchcraft," and one could do no better than to turn to him for the light one might be seeking on that wretched subject.

Strange.
It is strange that frowns should be worn by some people who could not possibly be induced to wear anything else that did not become them.—Lippincott's.

Many Issues Up at Fall Election.

Jefferson City.—Although next fall's election is an "off-year," politicians predict that a heavy vote will be polled because of the emphasis and the diversified character of the proposed constitutional amendments and referendum propositions to be voted upon.

Probably the biggest drawing card for voters will be the novelty of electing a United States senator by direct vote. This will involve the discussion of national issues and doubtless will stir the state from end to end.

Voters will be attracted to the polls also by each of the following propositions:

The county unit law referred to the people by referendum petition.

The proposed amendment to the initiative provision of the state constitution prohibiting its use in the submission of single tax amendments and otherwise restricting its application.

The proposed amendment to the state constitution levying a tax of 10 cents upon the \$100 valuation for building roads.

The full-crew law, submitted to the voters by referendum petition for ratification.

May Be Another Incentive.

If the advocates of equal suffrage submit their amendment, for which they are now raising petitions, an additional incentive to voters to turn out will be offered.

The St. Louis home rule, police and excise laws which were tied up by referendum petitions through the activity of Democratic politicians, will bring out many voters, it is believed.

The ratification of these laws would permit Mayor Kiel, a Republican, and his successors in St. Louis to appoint the police and excise boards. Police and excise affairs are now handled from Jefferson City, the governor appointing the police board and excise commissioner.

The enemies of home rule in the legislature attempted to inject the liquor issue into the consideration of the bills and there is but little doubt that an attempt will be made by the Democratic leaders to array the "dry" voters against these laws.

Missouri in Grip of Bridge Trust.

Jefferson City.—Missouri, according to State Highway Engineer W. S. Hawkins, is, with neighboring states, in the grip of a trust of bridge builders. Hawkins said there are four or five companies building bridges in Missouri which have formed a combination and divide the state territorially. There is no real competition in any county, he said.

Hawkins charges that the trust has been operating for years and declares the records of several counties will disclose that only one company has ever built bridges in any of them.

The result is, he says, that the counties are paying from a fourth to a third more than the work is really worth, and in many instances are getting inferior bridges.

Apparently, he continued, there is every evidence of competition at the awarding of a contract for a bridge, but it invariably goes to a company assigned by the trust to operate in that particular section.

Convicts to Work Roads.

Jefferson City.—The board of prison inspectors has voted to award the labor of 40 convicts to Messrs. Lawson and Adams, representing the county court of Livingston county, for work on public roads.

Lawson and Adams are to have the convicts if Warden McClung finds he can spare the 40, and up to a maximum limit of 120 men, if that number can be allotted.

The conditions are most liberal for Livingston county. The state is to feed and clothe the convicts and supply two guards for the 40 men. The county is to house them and pay for such additional guards as may be deemed necessary, and pay for the transportation each way.

Hearing on Utilities.

Jefferson City.—A conference between the Missouri public service commission and state public utilities men to seek a basis for establishing a uniform system of keeping the accounts of water, heating, gas and electric light companies in the state, has begun. The number of witnesses is so large that the hearing is being conducted in the senate chamber.

Will Issue Notes.

Jefferson City.—The public service commission has authorized the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company to issue \$7,500,000 of its two-year, 5 per cent notes to take up demand coupon notes of that amount held by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Kansas City.—Selection of a jury for the trial of Oscar Harrison, charged with being one of the six men who attacked Mrs. Gertrude Shidler, a nurse, here March 9, has begun in the criminal court. Harrison is the second of the men under arrest to come to trial. Vic. Gueringer, the first to be tried, was convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

Town Club After Brick Plant.

Kirksville.—That the Union Brick Company of Iowa, Kan., is ready to move its big plant to Kirksville just as soon as the Big Creek Railroad spur is built, has been reported to the Commercial Club.

Insurgents Control Meeting.

Nevada.—The insurgents will control the next state convention of the Modern Woodmen of America in Sedalia May 6, according to incomplete returns from the Missouri county conventions tabulated here.

Truth and Love.

When I remember how earnestly men have striven to think their way into the secrets of the universe, and how certainly they have failed, I see clearly that only he who lives into truth finds it, and that love alone is immortal.—Hamilton Wright Mable.

A pious old lady of our acquaintance devotes the proceeds from the eggs her hens lay on Sundays to the church. Fortunately for the church nearly all her hens are Sabbath-breakers.

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

Pure-Bred Seed Corn Distributed.

Paris.—The Monroe County Corn Growers' association is distributing pure-bred and scientifically graded seed corn to the farmers to develop sentiment favorable to a more systematic growing of corn.

Farmer Cut at Sawmill Dies.

Butler.—Noble Redford, a farmer, 22 years old, while working at a sawmill near Ballard was drawn into a circular saw and so badly injured that he died.

College Deans to Meet.

Columbia.—Fifteen deans of arts and science from universities of the middle west will meet in Columbia for a conference April 30 and May 1. Among the subjects to be discussed are: "The Honor System," "Extensive Work for College Credit," "The Student's First Year in College" and "The Administrative Board."

Missouri U. Names Tax Attorney.

Columbia.—Orville H. Barnett of Sedalia has been appointed general attorney for the University of Missouri, with headquarters in St. Louis. His chief work will be the collection of the collateral inheritance tax for the university. He succeeds Forrest C. Donnell. Robert B. Caldwell of Kansas City has been appointed special attorney in Jackson and Buchanan counties.

Can't Buy From Drunken Man.

Chillicothe.—The city council has passed a proposed ordinance placing a heavy fine on pawnbrokers, second-hand dealers and junk dealers who purchase goods from minors or a man who is under the influence of liquor or purchase goods from a person whom the dealer suspects stole the goods. The fine for the violation of the ordinance is from \$5 to \$200. A great deal of petty thieving has been done within the last few weeks and an effort is being made to curb the sale of these goods in the city.

Dies 62 Years After Shipwreck.

Pulton.—Louis Kester, 78 years old, who was a passenger on a sailboat from Germany to America 62 years ago, rammed by an iceberg, died here on the second anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. Sailors prevented the sailboat from sinking by covering a large hole in its side with bogs' rinds. He was making the trip alone.

Bank Account, Dies in Almshouse.

Springfield.—John D. Murphy, public administrator, is searching for the relatives of Mrs. Rachael M. Turner, who died at the county almshouse of paralysis. She left a cash deposit in a local bank, attaches of the Paxson Undertaking Company say, of approximately \$500, and she has other property. Mrs. Turner is survived by two sons, who live near Turner Station, and a sister residing at or near Republic.

Ozark Medical Society to Meet.

The annual meeting of the Southwest Missouri Medical society will be held in Springfield April 30 to May 1. The program will include addresses by many prominent physicians of this section. Dr. N. J. Deudede of St. Louis and Dr. G. Wiles Robinson of Kansas City will speak. The officers are Dr. C. E. Pike, Willard, president; Dr. R. M. Rodgers, Mansfield, vice-president, and Dr. R. S. Hill, Springfield, secretary.

Names 18 Delegates.

Jefferson City.—Eighteen delegates were appointed by Gov. Major to represent Missouri at the convention of the Ozark Trails association, to be held at Tulsa, Ok., on May 26-27. The names of the delegates and their addresses follow: Eugene Roach, Carthage; W. P. Stark, Stark City; Tom Cunningham, Joplin; W. F. Norman, Nevada; J. B. Williams, Lamar; Charles W. Fear, Joplin; Truman Elmore, Neosho; T. Vic Grieb, Carthage; James Blain, Springfield; S. E. Bronson, Ozark; F. A. Meador, Cassville; A. B. Cox, Purdy; Henry Sabert, Sarcoux; George Tatum, Anderson; H. B. Boyd, Sarcoux; S. S. Potter, Iantha; A. V. Manning, Pineville.

To Judge Cuban Cattle.

Sedalia.—N. H. Gentry, one of the most famous breeders of live stock in the United States, and who has served as judge of cattle in all parts of the country, has been requested by William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state, to serve as judge at the International Exposition and live stock show now on at Havana, Cuba.

Mexico.—Amid the plaudits of the hundreds who were at the ringside, Forest Ike, the saddle stallion owned by McGowan Bros. of Centralia, Mo., was sold to Dr. M. L. Maxwell of Paris, Tex., for \$1,625, the highest price ever paid at auction for a saddle horse in Missouri, it is said.

Major Gets a Pass.

Jefferson City.—Gov. John K. Tener, president of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, has furnished Gov. Major with a season pass to all games played by the league.

Frisco Envoy to Pageant.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Major was advised by wire of the appointment of Mrs. Marinaduke Eskridge, by Major Rolfe of San Francisco, to represent San Francisco and the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at the Pageant and Masque of St. Louis.

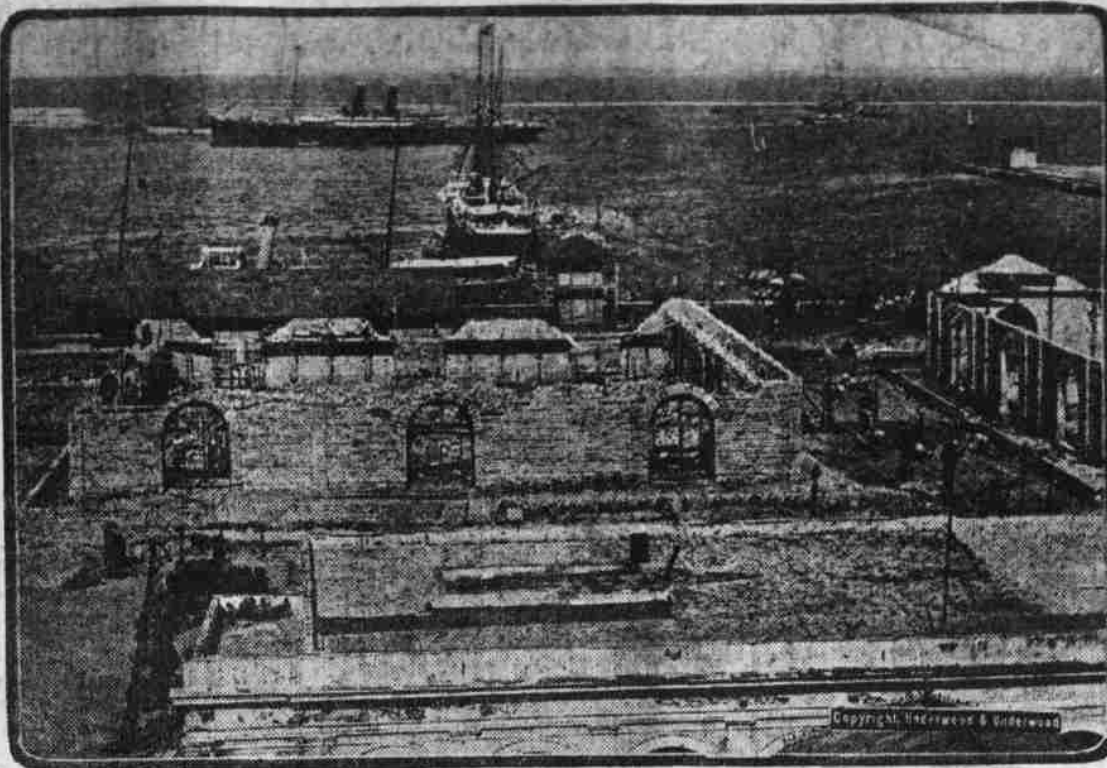
The Difference.

When a man looks at a woman it is because he wants to look at her; when a woman looks at a man it is because she wants him to look at her.—Tatler.

Could Hardly Claim Credit.

Minutec.—"So you've turned over a new leaf, Sandy. I was indeed glad to see you at our prayer meeting last night." Sandy (village reprobate)—"Is that what I was? I didn't know I had been over I left the pub."—London Opinion.

VIEW OF THE HARBOR OF VERA CRUZ



Vera Cruz is the chief port of Mexico and the duties collected there have been relied upon by Huerta to pay much of his expenses of war and government. American and other foreign warships have been stationed there for many months.

STREET SCENE IN TAMPICO, MEXICO.



This is one of the principal streets in Tampico, and a crowd of the inhabitants is gathered discussing the perils of bombardment threatening the city.

PALACE AND HARBOR, VERA CRUZ



This photograph gives an excellent idea of the part of the city of Vera Cruz close to the harbor, and shows the old palace, in the center.

UNCLE SAM'S SOLDIERS PATROLLING THE BORDER



American troops patrolling the American-Mexican border in the neighborhood of Juarez. The soldiers are scattered thinly along a very long line, from the Gulf to the western edge of New Mexico.

COULDN'T MAKE THE TOUCH

Old Gentleman Would Put Up With One Disappointment, But He Was Not Looking for Another.

The young man had borrowed five dollars from the rich old man, promising to bring it back one week from date. The millionaire let him have it, and at the promised time the borrower brought it back.

"This, master, and I want to borrow \$50 for a fortnight."

The old man shook his head.

"Sorry," he said, "but I can't let you have it."

"Why not?" and the young man was greatly astonished.

"Because you have disappointed me, and I don't want to be disappointed again."

"This," explained the moneyed man, "I let you have that five dollars, not expecting ever to get it again, and I did. Now, if I let you have \$50 I should expect to get it again, and I never would. No, sir," he added, conclusively, "one disappointment is enough. Good day!" And that ended it.

Contrary.
Knack—"Does the dentist drill your teeth?" Knack—"Yes; but he can't make them act right."—Judge.

Congressional Notes

The senate again rejected the nomination of James C. McNally of Pittsburgh to be consul at Nuremberg. McNally was in the consular service in China at the time he was nominated for Nuremberg.

Representative Moore of Pennsylvania, Republican, introduced a resolution calling on Secretary of State Bryan to transmit to the house "the information he is reported to have conveyed to the newspaper called the Commonwealth with respect to the repeal of the free tolls paragraph of the Panama canal act of Aug. 24, 1912."

There will be no branches of the federal reserve banks east of the Mississippi river, according to information received. The reserve bank organization committee is said to have determined to eliminate this expense at first contemplated.

The house committee on elections No. 3 voted, 7 to 2, to unseat L. C. Dyer of St. Louis, Republican, as congressman from the Twelfth Missouri district and to seat Michael J. Gill, Democrat.

In furtherance of the determination of the president that an anti-trust legislative program be completed at this session of congress, if possible, members of the senate interstate commerce subcommittee renewed deliberation on the subject with the hope of completing a tentative bill for the full committee in the near future.

Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas proposed an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill which would raise the salary of Cato Selis, his Texas friend, now occupying the office of commissioner of Indian affairs, to \$7,500.

Both imports and exports were greater last month than in March, 1913, according to figures announced by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. March imports totaled \$181,930,639, against \$155,445,498 in March last year, 61 per cent of this being free merchandise, against 54 per cent in March, 1913.

Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce issued a statement connecting Hawaiian sugar growers and eastern sugar refiners with the Panama tolls canal fight, pointing out that they are the shippers chiefly interested in the exemption of American vessels from tolls.

With few exceptions, senators and representatives have promptly responded in support of the president's Mexican policy, and exemplified by the orders to the fleet.

Prohibition advocates presented to the house judiciary committee arguments in support of a constitutional amendment to enforce prohibition throughout the United States.

The economic side of the Panama canal tolls controversy occupied the senate interstate commerce committee to the virtual exclusion of the treaty obligations involved.

Upon whether the commander of the Huerta forces at Tampico salutes the American flag in apology for the arrest of American marines depends immediate developments in the Mexican situation.

Thomas Jefferson's birthday anniversary was celebrated in the house with Representative Clark of Florida making a speech and proposing that President Wilson, Chief Justice White and Speaker Clark be named as a commission to plan a memorial to mark Jefferson's birthplace at Old Shadwell.

Unqualified disapproval was expressed by President Wilson of the proposal in congress to curtail the anti-trust legislation program for this session.

Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman of Illinois spoke for three hours in the senate in opposition to the McCumber bill providing federal inspection and standardization of grain.

As a theme of diplomatic gossip and political controversy, the American treaty being negotiated with the Republic of Colombia promises to rival the Panama tolls repeal bill.

Aside from an informal consideration of the Mexican situation, the foreign relations committee disposed of a number of routine matters. A favorable report was made on a bill raising the United States diplomatic representation in Chili from a mission to an embassy and authorizing the appointment of an ambassador at a salary of \$17,500 a year.

Unless President Wilson sends new and definite assurances to congress that he wants his trust legislation program put through before adjournment there is every prospect that none of the bills now pending before the several committees of the house and the senate will be passed.

The house struck the time-honored "mileage allowances" of 20 cents a mile for congressmen out of the legislative appropriation bill and provided actual expenses of members to and from Washington to attend congress.

Looked Like Business.

Father—"Jane, are that young man's intentions serious?" Daughter—"I think so, papa; he says our carriage shed could be easily transformed into a garage and the attic would make a dandy billiard room and bowling alley."

Little Mary was coloring pictures with her Christmas set of paints. She used a bit that failed to please and that! However, what's done is done and can't be undone except with a new set.